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1. BEGINNING WITH SECOND SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH TWO OF PROGRAM RATIONALE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: BROAD POLICY AND SOMETIMES NARROW POINTS OF POLICY FOR THE EC ARE MADE BY DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; I.E., MEETINGS OF THE RESPECTIVE MEMBER GOVERNMENT CABINET OFFICERS DEALING WITH AGRICULTURE, FINANCE, FOREIGN POLICY, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT, ETC. WITHIN BROAD POLICY LINES, THE EC COMMISSION MAKES EC ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS AND WORKS TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS AMONG MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR EC POLICY DECISIONS. THE COURT OF JUSTICE HAS BECOME A DECISION-MAKING BODY BY INTERPRETING EC TREATIES AND REGULATIONS. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT HAS LIMITED POWERS BUT MAY GRADUALLY GAIN MORE AFTER IT BECOMES A DIRECTLY-ELECTED LEGISLATURE. UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EC'S INFLUENCE STRUCTURE, THEREFORE, IS ONLY PARTLY IN THE EC INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN BRUSSELS, LUXEMBOURG, AND STRASBOURG. IT IS ALSO, LARGELY, IN THE NINE MEMBER STATES, IN THE INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AND ALL THE ELEMENTS WHICH AFFECT DECISIONS IN THE MEMBER STATES ON SUBJECTS WHICH THE MEMBER STATES HAVE AGREED WILL BE TREATED IN THE EC FRAMEWORK. THIS MEANS THAT A

SUBSTANTIAL PART OF USEC'S AND USIS/USEC'S WORK IS CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH OUR EMBASSIES AND USIS POSTS IN THE MEMBER STATES.

- 2. WE ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OBJECTIVES IN III, A., 2. OF REFTEL.
- 3. WE TEMPORARILY MAINTAIN THE CATEGORIES AND NUMBERS IN OUR AUDIENCES SECTION. WE INTENDED THAT THESE CATEGORIES AND NUMBERS APPLIED TO EC INSTITUTIONS AND THE BRUSSELS PRESS CORPS AND ALSO TO MEMBER STATE INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH WE ARE IN DIRECT CONTACT.
- 4. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED IN AUGUST 9 HOFFMAN-COHEN LETTER, WE WITHDRAW PROJECT XA-04. WE PROPOSE NO ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, LEAVING THAT OPTION TO NEW PAO MONSEN.
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